

The 2009 Split Rock Vineyard Pinot Noir is our most full-bodied and lusty offering, dripping with stewed cherries, dense plum, and rich berries. Bursting ripe fruit is tempered by savory notes of black tea, cedar, and spice box. With more tannin and a layered complexity, this is the most age worthy of our 2009 pinots. Drink now through 2017.

\$52/bottle

# Harvest:

A perfect growing season in 2009 yielded a near record crop for California wine grapes. We worked with our growers throughout the summer to minimize yields and maximize phenolic ripeness to ensure the best possible flavors and structure in our berries. The fruit for our 2009 Split Rock Vineyard Pinot Noir was hand harvested on September 19, 2009, then hand sorted and de-stemmed to 100% whole berry on September 20, 2009. At harvest, we recorded the following measurements:

°Brix: 27.8 pH: 3.82 TA: 5.6

## Fermentation:

Following a 5-day cold soak, we inoculated the must on September 25, 2009. During the 9-day fermentation, temperatures peaked at 31.2° Celsius. On October 3, 2009, after primary fermentation was completed to dryness, we pressed and barreled the wine as 90% free run. We inoculated for secondary fermentation in barrel on October 8, 2009.

## Barrel Aging:

The wine was aged for 11 months in 33% new French oak from Francois Frères, Medium Toast.

# Blending:

The wine was fermented as 100% clone 667. Small amounts of clones 115 and 828 were added at blending..

# Bottling:

We bottled this wine on August 30, 2010. The wine was aged in bottle for three months prior to our December 5, 2010 release date.

# **About Bruliam Wines**

Bruliam Wines is a boutique producer of ultra premium single vineyard wines. Established in 2008 by San Diego residents Kerith and Brian Overstreet, Bruliam's wines have already garnered critical acclaim and commercial success. Bruliam sources its fruit from California's finest vineyards, selecting only low-yield, hand harvested, and hand sorted grapes that fully express the terroir of each unique growing region. The Overstreets' established Bruliam with the mandate to give 100% of the profits to charity. Since its inception, Bruliam has made donations to over 30 charities selected by our fans and supporters. Winemaker Kerith Overstreet is a triple-threat: mom to three young children, medical doctor, and accomplished female winemaker. Leaving her medical career behind to pursue a passion for winemaking, Kerith completed her enology courses at UC Davis and has crafted all of Bruliam's wines since 2008.